

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

Hello, my name is Eli Ticknor, and I am 15 years old. I am here to ask you to vote against SB415.

Montana already has a state insect in the state butterfly, the Mourning Cloak. All insects have shared characteristics, a couple of these are: 3 pairs of legs, and 3 body segments (the head, the thorax, and the abdomen). A butterfly is an insect, so we really already have a state insect.

Laws should ensure that people are free and safe; this bill does neither, and so should not be a law. With any proposal, please ask yourselves; how does this improve the lives of the Montanan's that voted you into office, and is it worth spending their tax dollars on it?

The Declaration of Independence states:

*Prudence, indeed, will dictate, that governments long established,
should not be changed for light and transient causes...*

To me, that means that our government should not be altered for unnecessary reasons. We should have a reason and mostly a need for any new legislation.

Please bring a sense of responsibility and reality back to the legislative process by voting 'no' to any unnecessary bills, including SB415.

Thank you for your time,
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